

## Notes to the Town

November brings the work of elections, budgets and plans for the next year. We welcome Christine Smith to Town Board in January 2005 for a one-year term. Elections are a time of voicing your choice for representation. I would like to commend the community on participating in the federal election at a rate of 60%. Nationally, that is twice the average. We obviously are motivated to take part in our governments.

Budget for 2005 was presented at our budget hearing on Nov. 11, 2004 at a tax levy increase of \$ 8605.00 or 3.9% increase. The tax rate would be reduced to \$0.83 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. The decrease in tax rate is a function of an increase of 21 million dollars in the 2004 final tax roll. For a home assessed at \$100,000.00 the tax would pay to the Town of LeRoy would be \$83.00 for 2005 taxes.

In budget preparation the board looked at departmental needs and wants. We are taking advantage of grant funding to install an emergency generator for Town Hall. We have significantly trimmed the budget of the recreation department, however it will not impact the quality and diversity of the program. We have similarly combed through each fund budget, looked at needs and took advantage of grant funds available to local governments.

The budget was passed as a result of the actions taken at the meeting after public input.

Plans for the coming year include the installation of an emergency generator at Town Hall. We have been successful in securing a grant from Senator Mary Lou Rath for the improvement. This will be accomplished in 2005. The generator will establish another building available in the community for emergency preparedness and response. We look forward to that availability to offer the service to the community and enhancing the partnership with the Pantry and Help Fund that has space in the Town Hall. We would like to thank Senator Mary Lou Rath for her commitment to our community.

We once again thank the landowners on Summit Street Road for their patience in the construction of the Summit Street Road sidewalks. We have the joint cooperation of the Town and Village to thank for the construction and vision to make the most of a grant opportunity, made possible by Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt. We have closed the project and have received the grant funds from NYS Department of Transportation. To compliment the sidewalks, we up graded the street lighting to add three street lights over the curve in the road, had the driving lanes painted to guide drivers as to the road shoulders, and placed cautionary signs on the curve. Together with an approved NYS Department of Transportation local request to lower the speed limit south from the Village line past Bunnell Park to 30 miles per hour. As soon as we receive the official paperwork from the Secretary of State, the speed limit posting will be done. As in all projects, the work always leads to an unforeseen issue or two. We thank the utility companies for their prompt response in containing and repairing gas lines that were leaking in the area. The goals of the sidewalk were to increase pedestrian safety on Summit Street Road. All of the actions fulfilled by this grant accomplished those goals. Collectively we are powerful in responding to our community. To all involved, Thank you.

On that note, Bunnell Park has been closed for the season. Highway Superintendent, Jerry Roth and staff have winterized the facility. The park will open in the spring to coincide with the start of spring sports.

From our Departments:

**Assessor:** reports she is out in the community taking photos of property to attach to the property files. Please be aware of her presence. This visual aid on file will help in the review process. Annual Assessment review is ongoing. Linda Beaumont who served on the Assessment Board of Review has requested not to be re-appointed to serve. We sincerely thank Linda for her service to the community and accepted her request with regrets. The Town Board welcomes by a three-year appointment David Frost. The review board is a panel of three community members. Mr. Frost joins review board members, Dick Prinzi and Andrea Barber. Additionally, we welcome David to serve in the Assessment review capacity.

**Town Clerk:** reports that extra NYS DEC doe tags for the New York State area are unavailable. The complete allotment of tags has been distributed; there was great interest in the extra tags by hunters.

Transfer Station punch cards are available at Town Hall during regular business hours. Residents must have a punch card to utilize the Transfer Stations for debris. Recyclables are accepted at no cost to residents at the Transfer Station, Saturdays 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Town Clerk has completed a community wide dog census this year. In light of the recent rabid dog situation in the county, we are extremely vigilant in being aware of the issue that rabies presents to our health and health of our animals. Please as a responsible dog and cat owner, attend to their health need by immunizing them and license them as required by law.

**Code Enforcement:** reports joint Town and Village board discussion on the merging of Planning Boards have begun. Individually each elected board of Town and Village must now act to merge the boards if that is the pleasure of the boards. There is tremendous benefit of having one LeRoy Zoning Code for the community. This opportunity is addressed in both the municipalities Master Plans as a next step for comprehensive planning in LeRoy. Next step is for both boards to review then proceed by resolution to enter into a 5-G Inter-municipal agreement. The proposed agreement will be ready for our joint meeting in January 2005.

**Recreation:** Has plans for working cooperatively with LeRoy Business Council, LeRoy Nursery School and Village Physical Therapy for Winterfest on December 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>. The schedule of Friday Night 6:00 pm Parade of Lights signals the welcoming of Santa Claus to the Town Hall. Please watch the LeRoy Pennysaver for more schedule information. Plans for winter youth basketball league are underway also.

**Highway:** is finishing up road and shoulder work this week. The gift of the nice weather helps to allow for the work, as the summer was a challenge with the continuous rain. The inventory for snow and ice control has been brought in and ready for use. Cemeteries are

getting their final cleanup of the fall leaves and preparation for the winter snows. We are in pretty good shape for the upcoming season.

**Water:** Water District #6 is finished and we are preparing the final documents. Extension #1 is finishing the build out of the district boundaries. Both district owners will see on their January Tax bill a line denoting the water district debt service and amount. Regular water consumption bills are presented quarterly by Monroe County Water Authority.

Proposed Water District Extension #8, Randall and Keeney Roads: the pre-eligibility application is in the hands of our grant writer. As that determination is returned to us we will share the opportunity with the landowners in the district. We are accepting support letters from the homeowners in the proposed district at this time.

Proposed Tri-Town water district for towns of LeRoy, Pavilion and Stafford will have available a voluntary raw water sampling performed by Genesee County Health Department in January. More information will be shared by the Towns to the proposed area, please watch for it in the mail.

Interest in public water has been indicated on Perry Road. We will be setting a meeting time in the near future for the beginning of that informational meeting. Please watch for a meeting announcement in the mail.

As a community service project, the Town Hall is serving as a collection site for **Hometown Hugs Organization**. Hometown Hugs is a locally organized support effort for our troops in Iraq. They are collecting non-perishable items, shipping supplies, boxes, cards, letter and even small appliances such as toaster ovens and electric skillets. Your monetary donation will pay for the shipping costs as well. Hiedi Librock and Beth Hiscutt organize the town hall effort in LeRoy. We thank them for their community action spirit.

**The LeRoy Pantry and Help Fund** is gearing up for their largest event of the year. Please contact Judy or Don at 768-4559 Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to Noon to offer a helping hand to this vital community group. They serve an average of 20 families per month. The pantry will provide for over 100 families for the Christmas Holiday. Your contributions are welcome.

Town Hall will be closed on the following dates in November for Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Regular scheduled meetings for the rest of the year follow: Wednesday, November 24, Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our meetings are held at 48 Main Street at 7:00 PM. Public is always welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving to all gathered families in our community.  
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